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Group Art Unit: 2818

Title: Magnetic Memory Device Having Soft Reference Layer

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")
() Other: (fee \$)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	MINUS	22	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$410.00	3RD MONTH \$930.00	4TH MONTH \$1450.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 7, 2003, applicants hereby restrict examination to the invention of claims 1-8, 11-15.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9, 10, 16-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction/election to one of the following species:

- I. Claims 1-8, 11-15, drawn to structure layout of a magnetic random access memory with ferromagnetic material layer, classified in class 257, subclass 295.
- II. Claims 9, 10, 16-26, drawn to a multiple magnetic storage layers device and the method of performing a read operation, classified in class 365, subclass 173.

Applicants herein select claims 1-8, 11-15, drawn to structure layout of a magnetic random access memory with ferromagnetic material layer. Applicants herein responsively restrict examination to the invention of claims 1-8, 11-15 for prosecution on the merits, without traverse. Applicants have herein also canceled claims 9, 10, 16-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction/election requirement be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted

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